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SIRHAN, BREMER AND "BABUSHKA"

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Despite the reluctance of the national media to come to grips with domestic assassinations, at least one professional association has been exploring this issue: the National Academy of Forensic Sciences.

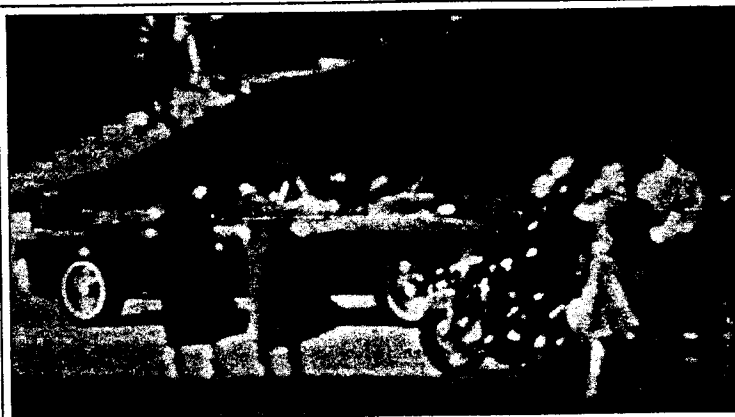
Forensic pathology is a vast and precise science that uses ballistics, pathology, criminalistics and other exotic technologies to determine how a life was ended. It is an unambiguous science. It doesn't politick or editorialize.

The Academy has looked into the maelstrom surrounding the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Its executive committee recently found substantial reason to question whether the fatal bullets were fired from Sirhan Sirhan's gun, and publicly urged a new investigation into the case.

The Academy reviewed and agreed with the findings of noted criminologist William Harper, which revealed that the slug pulled from Kennedy's body and the one that wounded spectator William Weisel could not have been fired from the same gun. They also scrutinized the 62-page autopsy report prepared by Los Angeles medical examiner Thomas Noguchi. His report, which the executive committee called one of the most thorough ever prepared, shows incontrovertibly that all the bullets which struck Kennedy were fired from behind him from a distance of no more than a few inches. Sirhan, according to all eyewitness accounts, was in front of the Senator with the muzzle of his revolver no closer than a foot and a half from Kennedy. For all but the California Attorney General's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department, these points fatally flaw the lone assassin theory.

The Academy's desire to clarify once and for all the circumstances of RFK's death sets a welcome and valuable precedent. As clandestineness increasingly comes to dominate political life, the relevant academic and professional communities will be called out. The forensic scientists are to be commended for their ability to understand that knowledge of the truth demands action. We can only ask how long such influential organizations as the American Medical Association, the American Bar Association and the National Lawyer's Guild can remain silent.

Do "New Left" and "Old Right" conspiracy theorists have the same conspiracies in mind? In what ways are the



Researcher Richard Sprague calls her grassy knoll and wall would show up the "babushka lady," and she joins in the background. She was located by Umbrella Man, the Tramps, and others Sprague after years of effort. She had in that mysterious cast appearing in been an employee of Ruby's Carousel photos from Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Attention was first focused on her because she is seemingly aiming a camera at the Presidential limousine at the time of the shooting. Her film would seem to be important because the government acknowledged its existence.

two points of view alike?

John Birch Society publicist Tim Heinan was an undercover operative for the Milwaukee Police Department in the late 1960s. He infiltrated SDS and came to know a straggler named Arthur Bremer. The Wallace shooting launched Heinan into his current study of political assassinations, and for the past few years he has toured the country lecturing on conspiracies for the JBS speakers bureau.

Bremer's more militant associates in Milwaukee SDS may have been police and federal infiltrators, Heinan now observes with hindsight, perhaps part of the FBI's famous COINTELPRO against the antiwar and civil rights movement launched in May 1968. Bremer was not the proverbial "lone" he was depicted as, insists Heinan, but was probably acting on behalf of a conspiracy that wanted to bestow on Richard Nixon in 1972 a victory margin large enough to obliterate normal political opposition.

The JBS has for a long time espoused conspiracy interpretations of Dallas. The cover story that Oswald was a Castro agent (bait which the Warren Commission eagerly bit) was awkward for the Birchers because they believed that JFK and Castro were already in league with the International Communist Conspiracy. Heinan sees Oswald in terms

of the known facts: a poor marksman incapable of the crossfire, a background of intelligence work in Russia, then using his Russian credentials to attach himself to the leftist Fair Play for Cuba Committee—possibly a wholly unwitting patsy of the JFK assassination cabal.

We think now is the time to begin exploratory dialog between all those who can agree that the outer play of U.S. politics is mostly dumbshow and farce. We do not say that we could form, for example, a united front with an organization like the JBS on this question of the cover-up of political assassinations. But should we rule out such a thing in advance? The fact is that there have always been rightwing libertarians and leftwing libertarians and they tend to think the same thing for different reasons; namely, that the gravest threat to society today is posed by the superstate itself, and that this threat is particularly clear in the instances of Dallas and Watergate.

The left will tend to think the CIA and the Mafia and a few rich Texans had Kennedy killed. The right will tend to look either toward Castro or Rockefeller. But we could all agree that we will never know until we all know, and maybe begin to get together around the one thing we all know for a fact right now—which is that the state has permitted none of us to know the truth.